



# Writing

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A.

## Skill Presentation

A simple sentence has one **subject-verb** group, and it expresses one complete idea.

- **I brought** flowers to Rodrigo.
- **We danced** and **sang**.

A compound sentence has at least two **subject-verb** groups, and it expresses at least two complete ideas. These ideas must be related.

- **Sandra and I liked** the flowers, **and Camilo enjoyed** the chocolates.

In a compound sentence, two complete ideas are joined by a **conjunction**. Some common conjunctions are and, but, and so. And connects similar ideas, but connects contrasting ideas, and so connects a cause with its result. When you write, put a comma before the conjunction.



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## Over to You

1. Read the paragraph. How many compound sentences are there? Check (✓) the correct answer and then write the sentences number/numbers.

<sup>1</sup>Adae started a new job in the United States last year. <sup>2</sup>She learned many new customs. <sup>3</sup>People shake hands when they meet, and they make eye contact. <sup>4</sup>People often call each other by their first names. <sup>5</sup>On Fridays, the people in her office dress casually. <sup>6</sup>Today is Friday, but Adae forgot. <sup>7</sup>She is wearing a suit. <sup>8</sup>There is a meeting today. <sup>9</sup>Adae wants to be polite, so she arrives at the meeting early. <sup>10</sup>There is a new employee at the meeting. <sup>11</sup>The new employee is from a different country, so Adae will give her some helpful tips.

☐ a. There are three compound sentences. Sentences: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ b. There are four compound sentences. Sentences: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ c. There are five compound sentences. Sentences: \_\_\_\_\_





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2. Read the sentence in the chart. Decide if it is a simple or compound sentence. Check (✓) the box in the correct column.

	Simple Sentence	Compound Sentence
1. Luciana brought roses to the dinner party.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Wei gave her host a small present.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Chang bowed, and Michael introduced him.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Pedro is traveling to China, so Martin is teaching him Chinese.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Megan does not put her arms on the dinner table.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Martin is going to the party, but Hana is staying at home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. In South Korea, many people wrap gifts in red or yellow paper.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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	Simple Sentence	Compound Sentence
8. Lily wanted to be polite, so she took chocolates to her host.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Jin is bringing roses to the host, and Jorge is bringing a plant.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Daniel invited his friends to a dinner party.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 3. Check!

1. A simple sentence has one \_\_\_\_\_ group, and it expresses one complete idea.

2. A compound sentence has at least \_\_\_\_\_ subject-verb groups. It expresses at least two complete ideas that are \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Remember to use the correct \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ when you write compound sentences.





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## Practice

1. Check (✓) the correct answer/answers for each item.

1. Choose the compound sentence/sentences.

- ☐ a. In Lebanon, people bring a dessert to a dinner party.
- ☐ b. Rashid lives in Lebanon, and works for a large company.
- ☐ c. Rashid likes dessert, so Mariam gave him a cake.

2. Choose the simple sentence/sentences.

- ☐ a. In Russia, the host serves the oldest guest first.
- ☐ b. Tanya's grandfather is the oldest, so Anton will serve him first.
- ☐ c. Tanya's grandfather is 72, and Tanya is 23.

3. Choose the compound sentence/sentences.

- ☐ a. Adriana took a cake to the party, and Pablo took soda.
- ☐ b. Pablo brought soda to the party for Adriana.
- ☐ c. In Lebanon, people bring a dessert to a dinner party.



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## Practice

### 4. Choose the simple sentence/sentences.

- ☐ a. Mariela wants to eat at a restaurant, but her friends want to cook.
- ☐ b. Mariela prefers Italian food to French food, and her friends like it, too.
- ☐ c. Mariela's friends want to cook dinner together.

### 5. Choose the compound sentence/sentences.

- ☐ a. Antonio smiled, and Ravi said, "Good morning."
- ☐ b. Antonio said good morning to his neighbor.
- ☐ c. Antonio smiled and talked with his neighbor.

### 6. Choose the simple sentence/sentences.

- ☐ a. Ronaldo speaks Chinese, but Clara only speaks English.
- ☐ b. Ronaldo and Clara studied English and computer science.
- ☐ c. Ronaldo finished college, so he does not have classes with Clare.





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## Practice

2. Read the paragraph and answer the questions.

<sup>1</sup>Crystal visited Colombia last year, so she learned many new customs. <sup>2</sup>She was invited to someone's home for dinner, and she had a very enjoyable evening. <sup>3</sup>Crystal brought some flowers with her. <sup>4</sup>She shook hands with her host. <sup>5</sup>She said "Good evening." <sup>6</sup>Her host told her where to sit at the table. <sup>7</sup>She tried all the food, but Crystal left a small amount of food on her plate to be polite. <sup>8</sup>She stayed for two hours after dinner. <sup>9</sup>It is not polite to "eat and run." <sup>10</sup>Here Colombian hosts were happy they invited her, and Crystal was happy she went.

1. How many simple sentences does the text have? \_\_\_\_\_  
Sentences: (Numbers) \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many compound sentences does the text have?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sentences: \_\_\_\_\_
3. What conjunctions are used? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are commas used before the conjunctions? \_\_\_\_\_



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## The Answer

### B. Over to You

1-

b. Sentences: 3, 6, 9, 11

2-

1. Simple Sentence
2. Simple Sentence
3. Compound Sentence
4. Compound Sentence
5. Simple Sentence
6. Compound Sentence
7. Simple Sentence
8. Compound Sentence
9. Compound Sentence
10. Simple Sentence

3-

1. subject, verb
2. two, related
3. conjunction, comma

### C. Practice

1-

1. b, c
2. a
3. a
4. c
5. a
6. b

2-

1. six - Sentences:  
3, 4, 5, 8, 9
2. four - Sentences:  
1, 2, 7, 10
3. so, and, but, and
4. yes